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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 25

IDW Delivers a Sonic Blast

The world has fallen to the Metal Virus. Heroes, villains, and civilians have become Zombots. There's only one place left to hide, and the few survivors—good and bad alike—find themselves up against a new threat commanding the Zombot hordes in ***Sonic the Hedgehog #25*** (by *Ian Flynn & Adam Bryce Thomas)*, an extra-length issue.

For writer *Ian Flynn,* seeing this story reach its dramatic conclusion is "a little surreal, to be honest. This is easily one of the darkest, highest-stakes stories I've told with ***Sonic***. We've pushed the envelope so far, it's fallen off the table—and we're not done yet! It's exciting to be taking ***Sonic*** stories to new extremes.

"The Metal Virus plague is going to continue to spread, and our heroes are steadily getting backed into a corner. And just when you think it can't get any worse, there's a twist that'll bring the crisis to a whole new panic mode. It's going to be fun!"

Readers who picked up the recent ***Sonic: Tangle & Whisper*** limited series will discover that there's a link between the two. "Tangle and Whisper's adventures take place roughly after ***Sonic the Hedgehog #16,*** before the Metal Virus has really become a problem. We'll be learning a lot about them both, especially Whisper, before they come back into the main storyline."

Flynn assures readers who haven't followed every issue of ***Sonic*** and the miniseries that they'll have no trouble joining the fun, however. "If you know Sonic is fast and Eggman is bad, you've got the basics down already. Each issue comes with a quick recap to let you know what's going on, so you should be able to follow along with any issue. If you're a hardcore fan, though, you'll enjoy all the little references we make to the series and seeing all your favorite characters show up!"

Sonic the Hedgehog #25, an extra-length $4.99 issue, is scheduled for mid-January release.

Coming Comics—IDW in January

Afraid of Everything HC (By *Adam Tierney & Matthieu Cousin*) features fun horror stories for young readers based on a range of phobias from Arachnophobia to Zoophobia!

Tales of monsters have been told forever to scare children into behaving, but what if they were real? Avid reader Elliott is about to find out in ***Boogeyman TP,*** an original graphic novel by *Mathieu Salvia & Djet.*

In ***Ghostbusters: Year One #1*** (by *Erik Burnham & Dan Schoening),* IDW takes a look back at the Boys in Grey's first

year on the job, showcasing never before seen adventures, starting with the story of Winston Zeddemore's very first ghostbusting gig.

Before the events of ***Ghost Recon: Breakpoint,*** Nomad and Walker are teammates in Afghanistan. When a mysterious Sudanese warlord with a deadly history with the Ghosts reemerges, Nomad and Walker are sent in to take him down in ***Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Breakpoint: Blind Prophets #1***... but when they learn the warlord's identity, it throws into doubt everything they think they know about the Ghosts themselves.

Home Time: Under the River ended with a disastrous tea ceremony that left six kids lost, scared, confused, and even burnt. Now, *Campbell Whyte's* ***Home Time: Beyond the Weaving HC*** picks up from that nerve-wracking cliffhanger, as the children leave the relative safety of Peach Village in search of medicine, answers, and, they hope, a way home. Equipped with a living map, a flask of hallucinogenic tea, and a plan so stupid it just might work, Lily, Amanda, Ben, and Nathan will have to pull together at the very time they've drifted the furthest apart.

Carol Danvers turns driving instructor in ***Marvel Action Captain Marvel #4*** (by *Sam Maggs & Sweeny Boo).* And teaching Nadia Van Dyne—aka the Unstoppable Wasp!—how to drive gets a whole lot harder when AIM gets ahold of some Pym Particles and Carol and Nadia get small!

IDW kicks off year two in ***Marvel Action: Spider-Man #1*** (by *Brandon Easton & Fico Ossio).* Peter, Miles, and Gwen have completed their internships at the Daily Bugle—now they're all shook up over their latest foe!

Napoleon Dynamite's Director's Cut presents an annotated version of the comic by *Carlos Guzman-Verdugo, Alejandro Verdugo, & Jorge Monlongo,* supplemented with never-before-seen comic conceptual artwork and sketches.

As Thor travels deeper into the monstrous canyons of Helheim in *Walter Simonson's* ***Ragnarok: The Breaking of Helheim #4,*** he encounters a wild pack of ferocious wolves who bear him a terrible grudge and reveal a hitherto unknown secret of the final battle between the gods and their enemies, a secret that has stretched across the centuries since the fall of the gods. And it could spell death—the real death—for Thor.

Jean-Luc Picard has traveled to the furthest reaches of the galaxy, defeated impossible foes, and survived in the face of unthinkable odds, but it's the end of this one mission that will change his life forever in ***Star Trek: Picard #3*** (by *Kirsten Beyer, Mike Johnson, & Angel Hernandez).*

With Captain Kirk still incapacitated, Spock finds himself trapped between a planet quickly spinning into chaos and a crew at each other's throats in ***Star Trek: Year Five #10*** (by *Jim McCann & Silvia Califano).* The end of the original mission is in sight... if the ***Enterprise*** can make it out in one piece.

Stan Sakai's ***Usagi Yojimbo Color Classics #1*** collects the original early issues of the acclaimed long-running series, in full color for the first time. The first issue also includes an all-new Chibi Usagi comic.

As if a supernatural murder mystery weren't enough trouble, Arthur Wellesley must also deal with a talking crow, a magical crone, and an otherworldlymonster roaming the countryside in ***Wellington #2*** (by *Aaron Mahnke, Delilah Dawson, & Piotr Kowalski.*

IDW collected edition (advance solicited for February, March, and April release) include:

- ***Canto Volume 1: If I Only Had a Heart TP,*** collecting ***Canto #s 1–6.***
- ***Gears of War: Hivebusters TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.

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• ***HG Wells' The Island of Dr Moreau HC,*** collecting the complete story, along with all of *Gabriel Rodriguez's* blue-pencil art.

• ***Jack Kirby's Fantastic Four Artisan Edition TP*** features ***Fantastic Four Annual #6*** and ***FF #s 71, 82, 83, & 84,*** all shot from the original art and reproduced in a more affordable 8" x 10" format.

• ***Marvel Action: Captain Marvel Cosmic Cat-astrophe TP,*** collecting ***Marvel Action: Captain Marvel #s 1–3.***

• ***Marvel Action Classics: Avengers Starring Doctor Strange #1,*** featuring Doctor Strange tales from ***Marvel Adventures Super-Heroes (2008) #s 5 & 9.***

• ***Marvel Vault of Heroes: Thor Book One TP,*** collecting Thor tales from ***Marvel Adventures Super Heroes (2008) #s 7 & 11; Marvel Adventures Super Heroes (2010) #s 6, 13, & 19; Marvel Adventures The Avengers #s 5 & 15;*** and ***Marvel Adventures Spider-Man #40.***

• ***My Little Pony: Legends of Magic Omnibus TP,*** collecting the 12-issue series and the never-before-collected annuals.

• ***Parker: The Martini Edition HC,*** an oversized slipcased edition of *Darwyn Cooke's* ***The Hunter, The Outfit, The Man With the Getaway Face,*** and ***The Seventh,*** all based on tales by *Richard Stark* (aka *Donald Westlake).*

• ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #100 Deluxe HC,*** a 120-page volume that includes the contents of ***TMNT #100*** along with behind-

the-scenes artwork, rare cover artwork, and a complete oral history of the entire record-breaking IDW *TMNT* series.

• ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Volume 23: City at War Part 2 TP,*** collecting ***TMNT #s 96–100.***

• ***Transformers 100-Page Giant: Power of the Predacons,*** collecting ***Transformers UK #s 135–136 & Annual 1987, Beast Wars: The Gathering #1, Transformers Spotlight: Jazz,*** and a never-before-reprinted Botcon exclusive comic.

• ***Uncle Scrooge: The Cursed Cell Phone TP,*** collecting ***Uncle Scrooge #s 44–46.***

Coming Comics— Scout in January

After summoning The Electric Black, Michael Cloven and the surviving members of his cult find themselves trapped between a chainsaw-wielding psycho and a Victorian-age serial killer in ***Electric Black #4*** (by *Joseph Schmalke & Rich Woodall)* as they travel deeper into the foreboding halls of the cursed antique store, seeking out an unholy book that will grant them godlike powers.

Julius Black has other plans for the evil tome, and since the disappearance of Roy... there's a new opening at the shop.

Ronnie is in critical condition in ***Stabbity Bunny #9*** (by *Richard Rivera & Dwayne Biddix)* after a brutal hit-and-run that may not have been an accident. Amanda and Grace have a new, unexpected companion. Meanwhile, Dorian from the Smithsonian insists he must help them in their struggles and gives Amanda a gift to help even the odds.

A little boy has vanished in 1950s New York. Everyone is baffled except a young woman, Tart Acid, who arrives out of thin air in ***Tart #1*** (by *Kevin Joseph & Ludovic Salle),* a Scout World Premiere issue. Tart realizes that this is no ordinary kidnapping. All she knows is that if she's been sent, a demon is loose and threatening the history of the world. Will she be able to find the boy before he becomes another casualty in Tart's war against the forces of Hell?

Welcome to White Ash, a small smudge of a town in western Pennsylvania, where mining is a generational calling and the secrets are buried deeper than the coal in the mountain. As Aleck Zwerg tries to escape that legacy and head off to college, he falls into the orbit of the enigmatic Lillian Alden in ***White Ash #1*** (by *Charlie Stickney & Conor Hughes).* Together, they race down a dangerous path, leading Aleck to uncover a secret about his family that changes everything he knows about himself and White Ash.

Scout collected editions include:

• ***Crucified TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.

• ***Red Winter TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.

Coming Comics— AfterShock in January

Amid the chaos and bloodshed of the arena, Sandor realizes that the lies he has fed Jesse cannot endure much longer in ***Animosity #27*** (by *Marguerite Bennett, Elton Thomasi, & Rafael De Latorre).*

Can Chip return to the world he left behind? And if he does, will he have anyone left to return to? Find out in ***Dark Red 10*** (by *Tim Seeley & Corin Howell),* a vampiric tale of the city, the country—and the monsters in between.

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Lyla must choose to make the ultimate sacrifice in ***You Are Obsolete #5*** (by *Mathew Klickstein & Evgeniy Bornyakov)*, changing everything she thought to be true. She is tasked to use the "killer app" the children of the island have created in order to take out all the adults on the island.

AfterShock collected editions include:

- ***Descendent Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Descendent #s 1–5.***
- ***Killer Groove Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Killer Groove #s 1–5.***
- ***Orphan Age Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Orphan Age #s 1–5.***

Coming Comics—Boom! in January

Effie runs away from home and discovers a ghost school in the nearby woods in ***All My Friends Are Ghosts TP,*** an original graphic novel by *SM Vidaurri & Hannah Krieger*. But just as she's beginning to learn all about the amazing things that ghosts can do—like possession, poltergeist-ing, demon magic, and more—Effie is asked by her new friends to help track down a mysterious spirit that's been spotted. But if Effie's going to succeed, she'll not only have to show her friends that she's got something special, but also have to learn to believe she's got it too.

Just as bb begins to feel safe at the home of her friend and fellow radio show host, Chulita, danger arrives in the form of bb's father in ***bb free #3*** (by *Gabby Rivera & Royal Dunlap)*. Somehow, he has followed her, and her presence has endangered Chulita's family. Together with her best friend, bb has no choice but to make a run for it—but will she ever truly be safe?

Ben wants to be selected for his favorite supernatural reality show—and he's going to do it by solving the mystery of a famous haunted house in ***Ben 10: The Manchester Mystery OGN*** (by *CB Lee & Francesca Perrone).*

The all-new team of Willow, Cordelia, and Kendra make their first appearance together to save Sunnydale in ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer #11*** (by *Jordie Bellaire & David Lopez)*—but it also might be their last!

Buffy and Angel come face to face with the secret enemy behind the evil that has overwhelmed Sunnydale in ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Hellmouth #4*** (by *Jordie Bellaire, Jeremy Lambert, & Eleonora Carlini)*—but the deadliest secrets may be the ones they're hiding from each other!

After the shocking conclusion of Mal's journey with Boss Moon, Mal hands himself over to the Alliance in ***Firefly: The Outlaw Ma Reynolds*** (by *Greg Pak & David Gianfelice)*... but it turns out it's not him they want. The infamous Ma Reynolds is at the top of the Alliance's Most Wanted, and if Mal doesn't get to her first, the Alliance will!

Outside of the village, life is no fairy tale —and Ansel learns this the hard way in ***Folklords #3*** (by *Matt Kindt & Matt Smith).* Betrayed by one of his traveling companions, Ansel finds himself at the mercy of Hanz and Greta. He needs to escape before the worst happens, but the siblings have a story for him, and the truth is more gruesome than he could have imagined.

A secret science experiment goes awry, unleashing giant pets—iguanas, ferrets, hamsters, and birds—upon an unsuspecting city. It's up to a supersized Garfield to save the day in ***Garfield: Garzilla OGN*** (by *Scott Nickel, Antonio Alfaro, & Lee Gatlin).*

It's 1999, and Chris is living her dream: working at Vinyl Destination by day and fighting for (musical) justice by night in the world's coolest teen girl vigilante fight club, and playing in a band during her free time. When the girls enter a Battle of the Bands, they learn that the shadowy corporate masters of the music industry plan to destroy the fledgling world of digital music and blame it on Y2K in ***Heavy Vinyl: Y2K-O! TP,*** an original graphic novel by *Carly Usdin & Nina Vakueva.*

The five students chosen to learn battle magic are forced to confront the terrible consequences of what they've done in ***The Magicians #3*** (by *Lilah Sturges, Lev Grossman, & Pius Bak)*, and what it could mean for the future of Brakebills. As tensions mount, the traditional Brakebills students and the newly admitted hedges begin to turn on one another.

Tommy faces a shocking betrayal within the Foot Clan that puts him in the crosshairs of their leader Shredder in ***Mighty Morphin Power Rangers/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #2*** (by *Ryan Parrott & Simone Di Meo).* But can the Rangers and Turtles put their differences aside before Shredder unleashes his ultimate weapon?

With the fate of the world in the balance, Duncan must finally accept his role in the larger story in ***Once & Future #6*** (by *Kieron Gillen & Dan Mora).* But has Gran trained him well enough to defeat the undead King of the Britons by himself?

The time for investigation is over. The hunt begins in ***Something Is Killing the Children #5*** (by *James Tynion IV & Werther Dell'Edera)* as Erica Slaughter brings her namesake to the monsters of Archer's Peak.

As the alien monster closes in on Herring, the mental attack forces him to come to terms with his past—and the truth about the government he works for—in ***Strange Skies Over East Berlin #4*** (by *Jeff Loveness & Lisandro Estherren).*

Boom! collected editions (advance solicited for March release) include:

- ***Angel Legacy Edition Book Two TP,*** collecting ***Angel #s 10–17, Buffy the Vampire Slayer #s 29–30, Angel: Long Night's Journey #s 1–4,*** and more.
- ***Grass Kings Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Grass Kings #s 9–12.***
- ***Jim Henson's Power of the Dark Crystal Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Power of the Dark Crystal #s 9–12.***
- ***Lumberjanes to the Max Volume 6 HC,*** collecting ***Lumberjanes #s 41–48.***

2099 ALPHA #1

Nick Spencer (W); Viktor Bogdanovic (A)

(Marvel SEP190821 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Eighty years ago, the Marvel Universe was born. Eighty years from now, will it die?! Something is happening in 2099 that spans Nueva York and beyond and will shake up the official Marvel Future forever.

Why Should You Care?

Events in ***Amazing Spider-Man*** have laid the groundwork for this two-month event that may not be the last you'll see of 2099 in the near future...

ANNIHILATION: SCOURGE ALPHA #1

Matthew Rosenberg (W); Juanan Ramirez (A)

(Marvel SEP190786 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Something is stirring in the Negative Zone... something that the Marvel Universe isn't ready for! Will Nova be able to assemble a team powerful enough to tackle this burgeoning threat, or is it already too late to stop its descent upon the galaxy?

Why Should You Care?

Marvel's next big cosmic event begins here—and Nova's right in the middle of it all!

BATMAN: WHITE KNIGHT PRESENTS VON FREEZE #1

Sean Murphy (W); Klaus Janson (A)

(DC SEP190437 $5.99)

What's the Scoop?

On the night of Bruce Wayne's traumatic birth, Victor Fries must intervene to save the lives of Martha Wayne and the future Batman. As the evening unfolds, Victor distracts Thomas with the incredible tale of his own father figures—one a Nazi, the other a Jew—and their complex connection to Wayne Laboratories, their involvement in cryotechnology, and a dark family secret.

Why Should You Care?

Sean Murphy expands the world of ***Batman: White Knight*** with a standalone tale illustrated by the legendary *Klaus Janson.*

CONAN 2099 #1

Gerry Duggan (W); Roge Antonia (A)

(Marvel SEP190825 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

When Conan entered the Marvel Universe with the Savage Avengers, he stayed to conquer and claim his kingship in modern times. Now cursed by a mystic to live beyond his years, Conan swings his blade once more when his new kingdom is threatened! But as the calamity in 2099 bears down on his secluded realm, will the future shock unseat the barbarian king?

Why Should You Care?

The noise you hear in the distance is most likely the exploding heads of Conan purists, but let's face it: Conan in the modern day has been a lot of fun in ***Savage Avengers,*** so Conan in the future is likely to be even more fun (especially when *Gerry Duggan* is handling the storytelling honors!).

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CROW: HARK THE HERALD #1

Tim Seeley (W); Meredith Laxton (A)

(IDW SEP190728 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Every year, a group of six people gather for Christmas in a cabin in the far North Woods of Wisconsin. But this isn't your average bickering nuclear family—these are six of the most prolific killers in North America. Now, guided by the Crow, Cecilia Rite will give six psychos a holiday hammer party.

Why Should You Care?

A Crow Christmas story?! Well, you can be sure there'll be *lots* of red!

DEADPOOL #1

Kelly Thompson (W); Chris Bachalo (A)

(Marvel SEP190835 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Deadpool's newest mercenary job has him going after the King of Monsters, who has claimed a new kingdom for his monstrous subjects... on Staten Island! Now the Merc with a Mouth finds himself neck deep in political intrigue, monster law, and a monster hunter out for blood!

Why Should You Care?

The offbeat zaniness of Deadpool is still here, but the emphasis is on high-impact action in this series relaunch by *Kelly Thompson & Chris Bachalo.*

ELFQUEST: STARGAZER'S HUNT #1 (OF 6)

Wendy & Richard Pini (W); Sonny Strait (A)

(Dark Horse SEP190234 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Cutter's "brother in all but blood," the stargazer elf Skywise, who thought he knew everything about Cutter, discovers how mistaken he was. That, combined with a tragic accident involving his daughter Jink, sends Skywise on a quest of his own, from the elves' ancestral Star Home through uncharted space, and back to the World of Two Moons.

Why Should You Care?

Wendy & Richard Pini are back, joined by veteran ***ElfQuest*** illustrator *Sonny Strait,* as they spotlight another beloved character from the long-running ***ElfQuest*** saga.

FALLEN ANGELS #1 DX

Bryan Edward Hill (W); Szymon Kudranski (A)

(Marvel SEP190769 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Psylocke is unsure of her place in this new world of mutantkind... but when a face from her past returns only to be killed, she seeks help from Cable, X-23, and others who feel likewise to get vengeance.

Why Should You Care?

The X-Men may have the noblest of intentions, but for some mutants, the conflict is still *very* personal...

FAMILY TREE #1

Jeff Lemire (W); Phil Hester (A)

(Image SEP190021 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

When an eight-year-old girl literally begins to transform into a tree, her single mom, troubled brother, and possibly insane grandfather embark on a bizarre and heart-wrenching odyssey across the back roads of America in a

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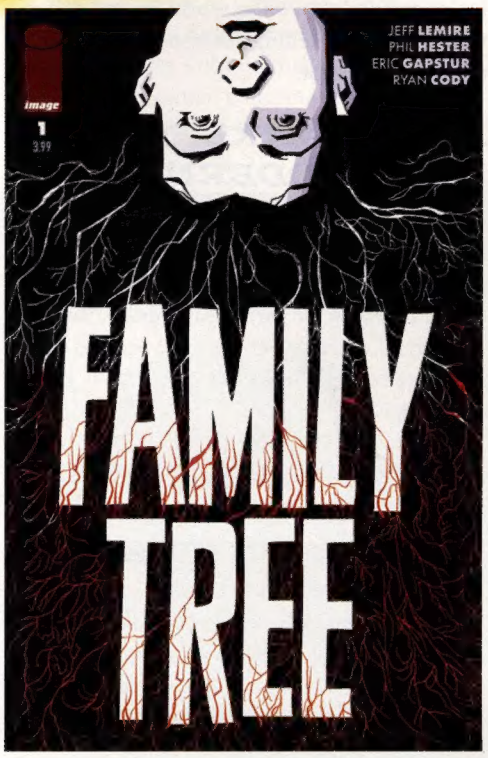


desperate search for a way to cure her horrifying transformation before it's too late. But the farther they get from home, the more forces threaten to tear the family apart as fanatical cults, mercenaries, and tabloid paparazzi close in, determined to destroy the girl—or to use her for their own ends.

Why Should You Care?

Jeff Lemire & Phil Hester branch out in a new direction with this series that is part family drama, part mystery, and part horror.

FIREFLY: THE STING ORIGINAL GN HC

Delilah S. Dawson (W); Pius Bak, French Carlomagno, Rodrigo Lorenzo, Taj Tenfold, & others (A)

(Boom JUL191306 $19.99)

What's the Scoop?

Saffron, the enigmatic rogue who captured the hearts of *Firefly* fans worldwide, returns to *Serenity*. But this time, she's got no time for Capt Malcolm Reynolds, as she's there to recruit the women of the ship to join her on a heist that has personal stakes for all involved.

Why Should You Care?

Delilah Dawson goes ***Rashomon*** with this tale that presents the heist from the different points of view of each woman on the crew.

FOLKLORDS #1 (OF 5)

Matt Kindt (W); Matt Smith (A)

(Boom! SEP191261 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

From *Narnia* to *Harry Potter*, we've seen our hero leave the real world for a fantasy world—but in Ansel's world of monsters and magic, he's haunted by visions of our world with tailored suits and modern technology! Ansel embarks on his Quest to find the mysterious Folklords, hoping they can explain his visions... but looking for the Folklords is punishable by death.

Why Should You Care?

The All-Matt squad of Kindt and Smith turn fantasy tropes upside down as the fantasy hero finds himself drawn to our mundane world.

GREEN LANTERN: BLACKSTARS #1 (OF 3)

Grant Morrison (W); Xermanico (A)

(DC SEP190452 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Following the catastrophic events of *The Green Lantern #12*, no Green Lanterns can be found patrolling their space sectors, and not a single power ring lights the darkness. Across the universe, once-familiar faces now wear a different uniform and enforce a new type of galactic law. The Green Lantern Corps is dead—long live the Blackstars!

Why Should You Care?

Grant Morrison takes Hal Jordan's tale in an unexpected new direction with this three-issue spinoff limited series that makes Judge Dredd seem like Barney Fife.

JOHN CONSTANTINE HELLBLAZER #1

Si Spurrier (W); Aaron Campbell (A)

(DC SEP190456 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

John Constantine is back in London, back to his old tricks—and just in time, as things have become very dark indeed in his old stomping grounds. A small-time gang lord has found himself dealing with a big-time outbreak of supernatural weirdness... and without any allies to call on and nothing left to call his own, John doesn't have much choice about taking a paycheck from one of London's worst. But what should be an open-and-shut exorcism turns out to be nothing but...

Why Should You Care?

The classic John Constantine is back in action in this very Vertigo-esque new series by *Si Spurrier & Aaron Campbell*.

KISS: ZOMBIES #1

Ethan Sacks (W); Rodney Buchemi (A)

(Dynamite SEP191028 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Decades after a zombie invasion has made humans an endangered species, the city of New Detroit is under siege. The people in charge have banned music that can attract the zombies—and in the process, have tried to rid the world of evidence that KISS ever existed. Unwilling to live this way and take the leadership at their word, a group of teenagers sets out to make New Detroit Rock City once again.

Why Should You Care?

Now that *The Walking Dead* is gone from comic shops, it's time for *The Rocking Dead*!

MAGICIANS #1 (OF 5)

Lilah Sturges & Lev Grossman (W); Pius Bak (A)

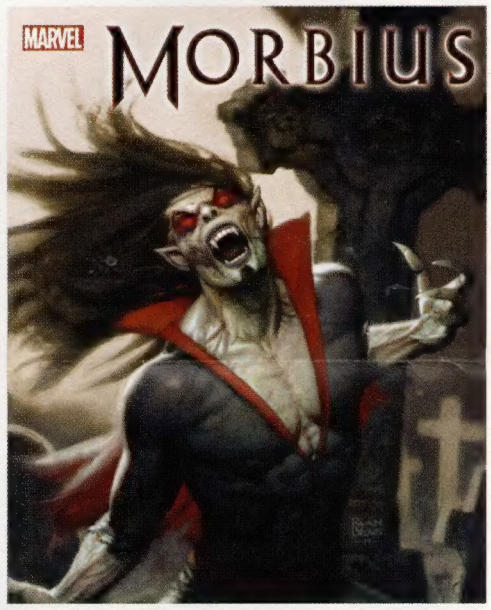
(Boom! SEP191259 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Long after Quentin Coldwater graduated from Brakebills, Dean Fogg welcomes the first class in Brakebills history to include hedge magicians, who are known for being dangerous practitioners of unsanctioned magic. As the established students and the newcomers clash to prove their superiority, everyone at Brakebills is forced to take a side—not realizing a new threat has targeted them all!

Why Should You Care?

The Magicians creator *Lev Grossman* introduces the next generation of heroes and villains in this original miniseries. You won't find 'em in the TV series; you won't find 'em in the novels—but you *will* find 'em in the comics!



MORBIUS #1

Vita Ayala (W); Marcelo Ferreira (A)

(Marvel SEP190841 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

For years, Nobel Prize–winning biologist Michael Morbius has been struggling to cure himself of his vampirism, and now, for the first time in years, one may be within reach! But the path to it is littered with dangers... and worse!

Why Should You Care?

Marvel's Living Vampire is back... but are his vampire days over? (Since this is an ongoing series, we're gonna guess not—but Marvel *has* been known to surprise us!)

NEW MUTANTS #1 DX

Jonathan Hickman & Ed Brisson (W); Rod Reis (A)

(Marvel SEP190749 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

The classic New Mutants (Sunspot, Wolfsbane, Mirage, Karma, Magik, and Cypher) get together with a few new friends (Chamber, Mondo) to seek out their missing member and share the good news... a mission that takes them into space alongside the Starjammers!

Why Should You Care?

The Old New Mutants join some New New Mutants to launch a new *New Mutants* series co-written by *HoX/PoX* writer *Jonathan Hickman*. Sign us up!

PUNISHER: SOVIET #1 (OF 6)

Garth Ennis (W); Jacen Burrows (A)

(Marvel SEP190851 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

A dozen Russian mobsters lie dead at the Punisher's feet... but he's not the one who pulled the trigger. Who is in New York City decimating the Russian mob—and can it be long before they come into conflict with Frank?

Why Should You Care?

Garth Ennis returns to the Punisher—and that makes this series a must-read for anyone who's *ever* enjoyed a Frank Castle tale.

TALES FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE: BLACKEST NIGHT #1

Tim Seeley (W); Kyle Hotz & Dexter Vines (A)

(DC SEP190468 $5.99)

What's the Scoop?

From the pages of ***Dark Nights: Metal*** comes a Dark Multiverse retelling of the Green Lantern event that changed the DC Universe forever... only this time, the Black Lanterns win! Now, 23 days after the apocalypse, Sinestro arises as the Limbo Lantern! Trapped between life and death as a White and Black Lantern, Sinestro seeks to save the universe—or to end his miserable life—once and for all! Joined by Dove, Lobo, and Mister Miracle, the last living beings in the universe will put everything on the line to give their world one final chance.

Why Should You Care?

DC goes one step beyond ***What If?*** with this tale that makes ***Blackest Night*** even blacker!

TALES FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE: INFINITE CRISIS #1

James Tynion IV (W); Aaron Lopresti & Matt Ryan (A)

(DC SEP190469 $5.99)

What's the Scoop?

Infinite Crisis saw the destruction of the Trinity, the rise of Alexander Luthor and Superboy-Prime, and the rebirth of the Multiverse... but it all started with Ted Kord, the Blue Beetle, who saw it all coming and died with secrets that could've saved the world. But in the Dark Multiverse, not only does Blue Beetle survive—he thrives! And after killing Maxwell Lord himself, Ted sets off a chain of events that irreversibly alters the lives of the Justice League and his best friend, Booster Gold. In trying to prevent a crisis, Blue Beetle *becomes* the Crisis...

Why Should You Care?

A twisted retelling of ***Infinite Crisis*** should pique every reader's curiosity—but the fact that it's written by upcoming ***Batman*** scribe *James Tynion IV* is sure to cement the deal.

UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY #1

Charles Soule & Scott Snyder (W); Giuseppe Camuncoli & Daniele Orlandini (A)

(Image SEP190027 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Journey into the near future, and witness an unknown nation that was once the United States of America—a land that's become shrouded in mystery after walling itself off from the rest of the world without explanation over 30 years ago. When a team seeking a cure for a global pandemic breaches US borders, it quickly finds itself in a struggle to survive this strange and deadly lost continent!

Why Should You Care?

Charles Soule & Scott Snyder deliver a political allegory that's also a great read—think ***Transmetropolitan*** for modern times!

X-FORCE #1 DX

Ben Percy (W); Joshua Cassara (A)

(Marvel SEP190760 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

X-Force is the CIA of the mutant world—one-half intelligence branch, one-half special ops. Beast, Jean Grey, and Sage on one side; Wolverine, Kid Omega, and Domino on the other. In a perfect world, there would be no need for an X-Force. This isn't a perfect world...

Why Should You Care?

With a team line-up like this, ***X-Force*** is going to be at the top of every mutant fan's must-buy list!

Collected Cool: November's Best Reprint Editions

ABSOLUTE SWAMP THING BY ALAN MOORE VOL 1 HC

(DC MAR190601 $99.99)

Alan Moore's legendary run of Swamp Thing tales is collected in oversized Absolute format at last, completely recolored for this new edition! And if you remember the stunning linework of *Stephen Bissette & John Totleben*, you'll know why this is so exciting!

BOOKS OF MAGIC 30TH ANNIVERSARY DELUXE EDITION HC

(DC AUG190649 $29.99)

The classic tale by *Neil Gaiman* that introduced Tim Hunter to the world is back in a new edition collecting the original four-issue miniseries plus special bonus material.

CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS HC BOX SET

(DC APR190537 $500.00)

The entire ***Crisis on Infinite Earths*** is collected here. That's not only the six books that have been previously released, but eight more hardcovers never collected until now!

DCEASED HC

(DC AUG190650 $29.99)

What happens to the World's Finest if the world ends? When the Anti-Life Equation is released, the heroes of Earth must fight a losing battle to save the world in this collection of the best-selling six-issue series and the tie-in oneshot.

DOC FRANKENSTEIN: POST-MODERN PROMETHEUS HC

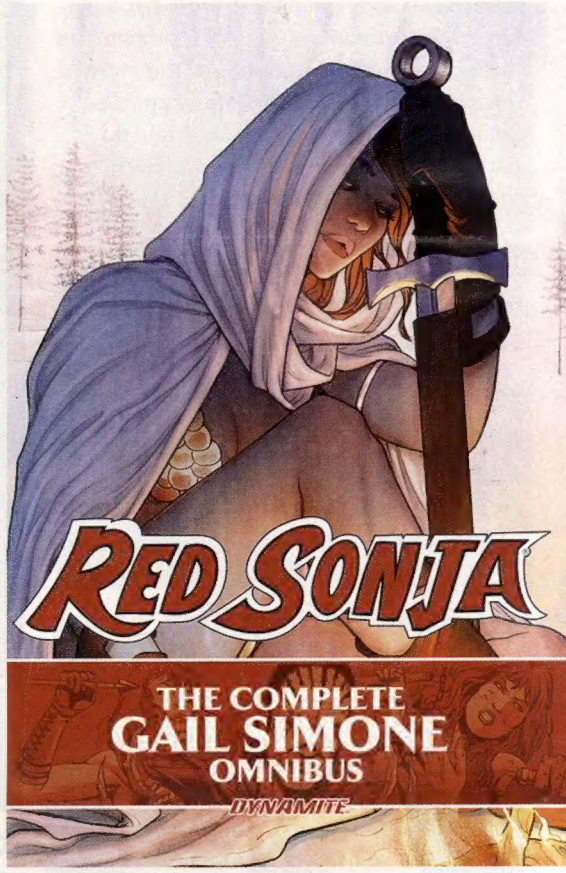
(Burlyman SEP191654 $34.99)

Not only do you get the previously published material by *Larry Wachowski, Lana Wachowski, & Steve Skroce*, but you also get 64 never-before-published pages that complete tale!

OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF MARVEL UNIVERSE OMNIBUS HC

(Marvel MAY190941 $75.00)

The original ***Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe*** by *Mark Gruenwald* and others is collected in a single hardcover for the very first time! It's like paying a visit to the Marvel Universe of the 1980s!



RED SONJA COMPLETE GAIL SIMONE HC OVERSIZED

(Dynamite JUL191186 $49.99)

The entirety of *Gail Simone's* remarkable reinvention of the She-Devil with a Sword is collected in this hefty hardcover.

ROUGH RIDERS COMPLETE SERIES HC

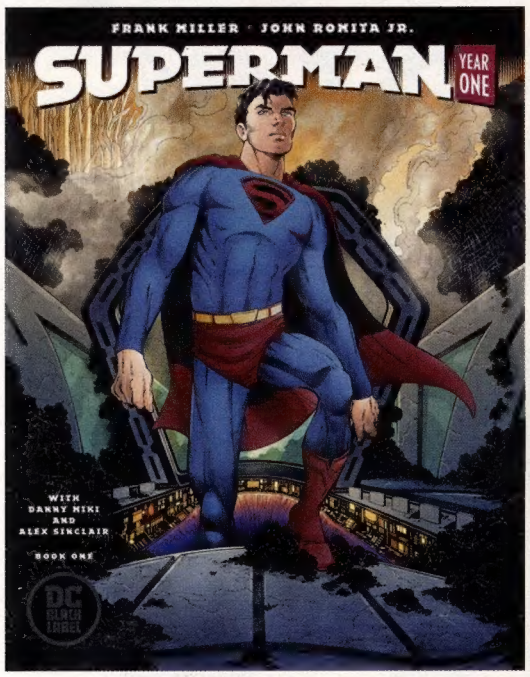
(Aftershock SEP191402 $39.99)

Rough Riders does for historical figures what ***League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*** did for fictional favorites—and all three miniseries are here in one fascinating volume.

SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN: THE ORIGINAL MARVEL YEARS OMNIBUS HC VOL 2

(Marvel MAY190943 $100.00)

***Savage Sword of Conan* #s 13–28** and ***Marvel Comics Super Special* #2** are collected in this hefty volume that includes the text features and letters columns as well as the remarkable material by *Roy Thomas, John Buscema, Neal Adams,* and others.



SUPERMAN: YEAR ONE HC

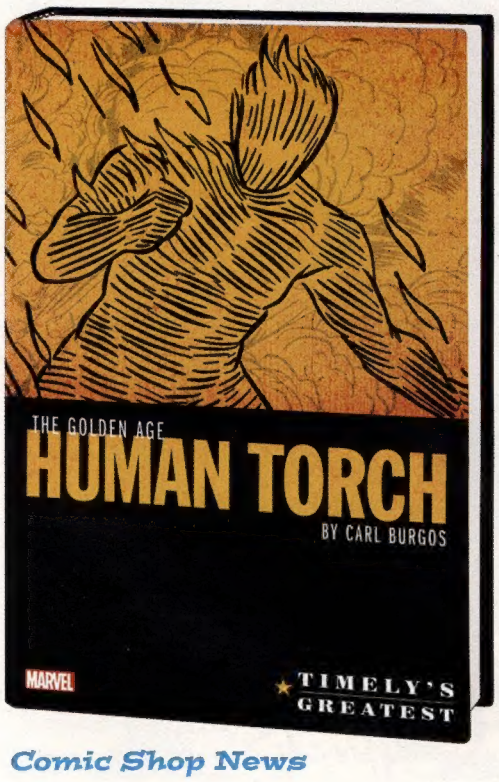
(DC JUN188709 $29.99)

The three-issue Black Label series by *Frank Miller & John Romita Jr,* which redefines Superman's formative high school years, is collected in hardcover.

TIMELY'S GREATEST: THE HUMAN TORCH BY CARL BURGOS OMNIBUS HC

(Marvel JUN191030 $150.00)

The seminal tales that defined the Human Torch are collected in one hefty compendium—and not only does it include every Burgos tale from the Torch's debut in 1939 until Burgos was inducted into the Army in April 1942, but it also includes rare postwar and 1950s Human Torch stories and covers!



UMBRELLA ACADEMY LIBRARY EDITION HC VOL 2: DALLAS

(Dark Horse JUL190346 $39.99)

The complete second series, ***Dallas,*** is collected, along with the short story "Anywhere But Here" and an expanded 36-page sketchbook featuring work by *Gerard Way, Gabriel Bà,* designer *Tony Ong,* and *Jim Lee.*

FYI: : Must-Have Additions to Your Reference Library

ABSOLUTE ART OF ADAM HUGHES HC

(DC FEB190556 $75.00)

This oversized volume includes everything from ***Cover Run: The DC Comics Art of Adam Hughes*** as well as more than 100 additional covers with new commentary.

COMIC BOOK CREATOR #21

(TwoMorrows JUL192273 $9.95)

Eric Powell is spotlighted in this issue celebrating 20 years of ***The Goon.*** Interviews, rarely seen art, and background info about the development of the two-fisted character—it's all in here!

DC COMICS ART OF JIM LEE HC VOL 1

(DC MAR190573 $39.99)

This new, oversized art book captures some of *Jim Lee's* most dynamic artwork, from his early work with WildStorm Productions to his recent turns drawing the greatest heroes in the DC Universe.

JEFF SMITH: CONVERSATIONS SC

(University Press of Mississippi AUG192296 $25.00)

This fascinating volume collects career-spanning interviews with *Jeff Smith,* in which he discusses his background, his influences, and his work on ***Bone, RASL,*** and more.

MAKING COMICS: PRACTICAL GUIDE SC

(Chartwell JUL191792 $14.99)

Learn scriptwriting, page layouts, lettering, and more from the incredible artist behind ***The Watchmen***! *Dave Gibbons* teaches scriptwriting, page layouts, lettering, cover designs, and more, with scans of original artwork and rarely seen workings to illustrate his personal creative processes.

OVERSTREET PRICE GUIDE TO BATMAN SC

(Gemstone SEP191814 $30.00)

The team behind ***The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide*** brings you a detailed look at Batman collectibles, key adventures, influential creators, and much more.

SANDMAN: OVERTURE GALLERY EDITION

(DC MAY180599 $150.00)

JH Williams III shows off his artistic range and skills in the pages of the new Gallery Edition of ***The Sandman: Overture,*** written by *Neil Gaiman.* Williams' original art for the entirety of ***Sandman: Overture*** has been meticulously scanned at high resolution for inclusion in this large-format, Smythe-sewn hardcover edition. Though Williams' art will be shown without lettering, reproduced in the full size of the original art boards, this book will also include scaled-down reproductions of the final lettered and colored pages as well.

Hot Commodities: November's Best Merchandising & Collectibles

BATMAN BLACK & WHITE MINI PVC FIGURE 7 PACK SET 4

(DC APR190590 $40.00)

This set includes 3.75" PVC versions of classic ***Batman Black & White*** statues by *Brian Bolland, Carmine Infantino, Jae Lee,* and others, as well as an exclusive minifigure based on the art of *Norm Breyfogle.*

DC DESIGNER SERIES BATMAN BY FRANK MILLER STATUE

(DC APR190585 $150.00)

This impressive statue, sculpted by *Jonathan Matthews,* showcases the ravaged, gritty, and iconic look from *Frank Miller's* ***Batman: The Dark Knight Returns.***

MARVEL BLACK PANTHER MOVIE COLLECTORS STATUE

(Diamond Select JUL192671 $124.99)

This resin statue of the King of Wakanda perched on a tree branch and prepared to pounce is based on his film appearance and sculpted by Gentle Giant Studios.

MARVEL MILESTONES GHOST RIDER COMIC STATUE

(Diamond Select JUL192672 $299.99)

The original Spirit of Vengeance swings a chain from the handlebars of his motorcycle in this striking resin statue designed by *Nelson X. Asencio* and sculpted by *Mat Brouillard.*

ROCKETEER PREMIERE STATUE

(Diamond Select JUL192660 $150.00)

The retro, rocket-fueled superhero strikes a pose atop a building in this new Premier Collection resin statue designed by *Joe Allard* and sculpted by *Rocco Tartamella,* based on the Disney film adaptation of *Dave Stevens'* pulp-style adventure series.

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